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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the  
 above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

- Claim 4, line 2, delete "or 3";
- Claim 6, lines 1-2, delete "according to claim 1";
- Claim 9, line 1, delete "or 3".

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully  
 requested.

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple  
 dependency and to place them in better condition for U.S.  
 patent practice.

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